

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1256
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IRREGULARITIES IN LAYING OF OPTICAL FIBRE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding irregularities committed in laying of optical fibre cable in Bihar and Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of persons found involved therein during the last two years; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government against the guilty officials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c): One complaint alleging irregularities in laying of Optical Fibre Cable at less depth in Bhagalpur-Munger-Lakhisarai Optical Fibre Cable route was received during the last two years. After investigation, the allegation was not substantiated. Therefore, the involvement of persons does not arise.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.